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SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SECOND CONCERT

WEDNESDAY EVENING

APRIL 13, 1892

Memorial Performance

OF

The Messiah

ON THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF ITS ORIGINAL PRODUCTION BY

Handel

MRS. GENEVRA JOHNSTONE BISHOP, SOPRANO

MRS. CARL ALVES, ALTO

MR. EDWARD LLOYD, TENOR

MR. MYRON W. WHITNEY, BASS

MR. CARL ZERRAHN, CONDUCTOR

MR. B. J. LANG, ORGANIST



Players from the Boston Symphony Orchestra

Mr. FRANZ KNEISEL, Principal

The Trumpet Solo by Mr. PIERRE MÜLLER

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

BORN IN HALLE, FEBRUARY 23, 1685

DIED IN LONDON, APRIL 13, 1759

THE MESSIAH

ORATORIO, composed in 1741; begun August 22, finished September 14. Text selected from the Scriptures by CHARLES JENNENS. Produced in Dublin, April 13, 1742, under the direction of HANDEL. Additional accompaniments by MOZART, 1789; and by ROBERT FRANZ, for the use of the Handel and Haydn Society, completed and published in 1884. First performance by the Handel and Haydn Society, December 25, 1818, in Boylston Hall; present performance the eighty-fifth.

PART ONE

THE PROPHECIES AND THE FULFILMENT

I

OVERTURE

grave: fuga, allegro moderato

2-3

TENOR RECITATIVE

Comfort ye my people, saith your God:
speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and
cry unto her that her warfare is accom-
plished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilder-
ness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord:
make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.

AIR

Every valley shall be exalted, and every
mountain and hill made low; the crooked
straight, and the rough places plain.

4

CHORUS

And the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed; and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

5-6

BASS RECITATIVE

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once
a little while, and I will shake the heavens
and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and
I will shake all nations; and the desire of
all nations shall come: the Lord whom ye
seek shall suddenly come to his temple; even
the messenger of the covenant whom ye
delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the
Lord of Hosts.

AIR

But who may abide the day of his coming;
and who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire.

8-9

ALTO RECITATIVE

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a
son; and shall call his name EMMANUEL,
God with us.

AIR AND CHORUS

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain. O
thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be
not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God. Arise; shine; for thy
light is come: and the glory of the Lord is
risen upon thee.

10-11

BASS RECITATIVE

For behold darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people; but the Lord
shall arise upon thee; and his glory shall be
seen upon thee: and the Gentiles shall come
to thy light, and kings to the brightness of
thy rising.

AIR

The people that walked in darkness have
seen a great light; and they that dwell in the
land of the shadow of death, upon them hath
the light shined.

12

CHORUS

For unto us a child is born: unto us a son
is given: and the government shall be upon
his shoulder: and his name shall be called
Wonderful; Counsellor; the Mighty God;
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

PASTORAL SYMPHONY

larghetto

(on the traditional air of the Calabrian pifferari)

14-15-16-17

SOPRANO RECITATIVE

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

CHORUS

Glory to God in the highest; and peace on earth, good-will toward men.

18

SOPRANO AIR

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the

righteous Saviour; and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

19-20

ALTO RECITATIVE

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped: then shall the lame man leap as a hart: and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

ALTO AND SOPRANO AIR

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom; and gently lead those that are with young. . . . Come unto him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

21

CHORUS

His yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

PART TWO

THE PASSION AND THE TRIUMPH

22

CHORUS

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

23

ALTO AIR

He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. He gave his back to the smiters, and his cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: he hid not his face from shame and spitting.

24-25-26

CHORUS

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions: he was bruised for our in-

iquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

And with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

29-30

TENOR RECITATIVE

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart: he is full of heaviness. He looked for some to have pity on him; but there was no man; neither found he any to comfort him.

AIR

Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.

SOPRANO RECITATIVE

He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of thy people was he stricken.

AIR

But thou didst not leave his soul in Hell; nor didst thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

33

CHORUS

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

40

BASS AIR

Why do the nations so furiously rage together; and why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth rise

up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed.

42-43

TENOR RECITATIVE.

He that dwelleth in Heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord shall have them in derision.

AIR

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

44

CHORUS

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever; KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. HALLELUJAH!

PART THREE

THE RESURRECTION AND THE GLORY

45

SOPRANO AIR

I know that my Redeemer liveth; and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

46-47-48-49

CHORUS

Since by man came death,
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

50-51

BASS RECITATIVE

Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

AIR

The trumpet shall sound; and the dead shall be raised incorruptible; and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

56-57

CHORUS

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood; to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Amen! Amen!

Will those who cannot stay through the last chorus kindly take advantage of the pause before it begins.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1892

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